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### **Hot off the Press! Kulshan Gets Stormwater Contract**

Kulshan Services has been selected to assist Whatcom County with its stormwater compliance program. Our team will develop education, training and outreach materials and conduct field assessments and inspections of specific facilities. We will also develop a cost-share program for stormwater best management practices. Stormwater is the 800 pound gorilla when it comes to pollution in Puget Sound. To improve water quality in our lakes, streams and rivers that feed Puget Sound, Whatcom County is following the rules of a federal permit called NPDES Phase II.



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## **Terry Carten Joins Kulshan Services**

Kulshan heartily welcomes Terry who is building new client relationships and is our project lead for marine technical assistance programs. At Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Terry managed state-owned aquatic lands, tenant/client relationships and use authorization contracts for water-dependent uses. He coordinated regulatory permitting and multiparty stakeholder processes as well. As a wildlife biologist, he developed and managed contracts for large-scale habitat assessments. Terry served on marine research teams to monitor seabird populations in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Antarctica.



## **Skagit Water Issue Addressed through Facilitation**

PDSA Consulting and Kulshan Services are facilitating a process to bring water relief to frustrated landowners and enhance summer stream flows in an area of the Skagit. They are working with the sponsor - the upper Skagit Tribe - and an inter-agency review team (IRT) made up of agencies, tribes and other interested parties. This pilot project proposes to store water during times of high stream flow in the Skagit River. The reserved water would be released during drier periods to increase water flow and offset landowner use. See this news article on this project: <http://tinyurl.com/mwsmb87>.



## **Kulshan Provides Policy Assistance to NW Marine Trade Association**

Our first project involved review of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for revisions being proposed to Washington's Hydraulic Code - Chapter 220-110 WAC. Team member, Terry Carten, developed comments for NMTA to submit to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Additionally, Terry will review DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to define the plan's impact on marine industry practices. All marine facility leases (new and renewal) will include increased environmental standards to achieve the goals outlined by the plan.





## **Sudden Valley Water Quality Sampled**

Over the winter, our team conducted a water quality sampling project for the Sudden Valley Community Association to determine the impact of development in Sudden Valley on water quality. Our team measured phosphorus and fecal coliform concentrations in streams and samples of the lake. Samples were taken from nine locations and were compared to earlier assessments.



## **Addressing Flood Risks on the Nooksack**

Kulshan Services was hired by Whatcom County Public Works to facilitate a collaborative effort to reduce long-term flood risks on the dynamic Nooksack River. This process (called the SWIF) allows multiple parties to work together to prioritize and implement improvements to the levee systems on the river. Collaborative partners include the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, the Army Corps of Engineers, multiple resource agencies, tribes, diking districts and the agricultural community.



## **3FI Meets Milestones**

For the past two years, Kulshan and PDSA Consulting have co-facilitated the Farms, Fish and Floods Initiative in Skagit Valley. Participants have reached significant milestones toward completing three projects focused on preserving farmland and fish habitat. In addition to assisting with the Oversight Team, David is facilitating two work groups. One developed tools to best prioritize restoration projects. The second evaluated Skagit farmland and developed recommendations for protection of 20,000 acres of farmland.